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FAPE Incarcerated Children with Disabilities.



*Free Appropriate Public Education for
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Summary Report 2004-2005

- The Tennessee Department of Education, Division of Special Education, has revised a plan to assure that educational services are being provided to individuals who are incarcerated under the age of twenty-two years of age. Presently this task is being coordinated by Davis Hines, Director of Juvenile Services & Charter Schools and Mark Reep, Juvenile Service & Charter School Consultant, for the State of Tennessee.
- In the 2004-2005 School Year several county-operated detention centers and/or jails have been monitored; West Tennessee five (5) county facilities, Middle Tennessee twenty three (23) county facilities and East Tennessee thirteen (13) county facilities. A total of sixteen (16) incarcerated individuals have been identified and presently receiving services (6) of which have been identified through the inmate interviewing process.
- Those facilities that are to be monitored during the current school year are notified that they are to be monitored during summer of the previous year. In addition to the initial letter a policy is enclosed to inform them of the necessity of monitoring, which is to assure that all individuals with a disability are receiving an appropriate education. To better serve those individuals with a disability who are incarcerated, the SEA has developed and implemented a program plan and survey that will address key areas of concern and give the SEA data to initiate a proactive approach to handling juvenile justice issues.
- In addition to the monitoring process, training has been provided by the Department of Education, Division of Special Education, through various means of staff development (Tennessee Re-Entry Collaborative-TREC & Special Education Conference)

Monitoring Process Results 2004-2005

Monitoring Process Table

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Tennessee Regions	Counties Scheduled 2004-2005	Counties Monitored 2004-2005
West Tennessee	5	100%
Middle Tennessee	23	100%
East Tennessee	13	100%

I. Housing Census Issues

(County Detention Centers & Juvenile Facilities)

There continues to be no clear method of determining the number of individuals incarcerated with a disability. However several systems are utilized throughout the state, ex: Jail Pak, JMS, and SUMS are only a few. Some smaller counties data reporting is obtained through manual collecting of information.

II. Educational Services

(County Detention Centers / Juvenile Facilities / LEA)

- A. The County Detention Centers and LEA are encouraged to develop appropriate policies, however very few policies or procedures are available to indicate the format utilized when an individual with disability is incarcerated in a county detention facility.*
- B. The County Detention Center and LEA are presently working together to address a designated place conducive to instruction or educational services.*

III. School Systems

(LEA & SEA)

- A. LEA has been encouraged by SEA to provide adequate training or in-services to local county operated facilities to assist in assuring that individual with disabilities are identified and receive services in a timely manner.*

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B. *During the monitoring process a tour of the county jail and/or detention center, and an interview conducted with inmates housed at the facility continues to be proven effective. This process of randomly selecting individuals who were found not to presently possess a high school diploma or GED and were twenty-two years old and under proved to be most successful in finding individuals incarcerated that were in need of educational services.*

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2004-2005 FAPE-Incarcerated Children with Disabilities

County Detention Centers & Juvenile Facilities

Bedford	Bedford County Det. Ctr.
Benton	
Bledsoe	
Campbell	
Cannon	
Carroll	
Cheatham	
Claiborne	Claiborne County THR
Clay	
DeKalb	
Giles	Giles County THR
Grainger	
Hancock	
Hawkins	
Houston	
Jackson	
Jefferson	
Lake	
Lawrence	
Marion	
Moore	
Morgan	
Obion	
Overton	
Pickett	
Robertson	
Rutherford	Rutherford County Det. Ctr.
Scott	Scott County Det.Ctr.
Sequatchie	
Sevier	Sevier County Det. Ctr.
Smith	
Stewart	
Sumner	Sumner County Det. Ctr.
Union	
Van Buren	
Warren	
Wayne	
White	
Williamson	Williamson county Det. Ctr.

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